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Frederick County Health Department

Public Health Alert

DATE: December 22, 2021

Woman Bitten by Unknown Cat on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, near Pyrite Court in the Fountaindale South Neighborhood, Middletown, Maryland. Seeking Owner of Cat.

A woman was bitten by a cat on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, during the day in the area of Pyrite court in the Fountaindale South Neighborhood in Middletown, Maryland. The bite occurred when the lady tried to pick up the cat. The cat is described as an, adult, brown/grey, DSH tabby cat that was dragging its two back legs.

Contact is needed to confirm the cat's health and whereabouts. The cat will need to be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is confirmed to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-6003342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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